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SUBJECT: Low Contact Resistance PEM Fuel Cell  
USSN 09/997,190 (Confirmation No. 4053)  
Filed Nov. 20, 2001  
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MESSAGE:

I hereby certify that the attached **SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION DATED 01/16/2004** has been both mailed and FAXED to the USPTO today.

  
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Docket No. : GP 301597  
Title : LOW CONTACT RESISTANCE PEM FUEL CELL

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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION DATED 01/16/2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated 03/12/2004, please substitute the attached SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION DATED 01/16/2004 for the earlier version thereof mailed February 9, 2004. This substitute document complies with the Office's requirements to (1) include the text of withdrawn claims 19 – 30 in the Listing of Claims, and (2) change the status identifier for claim 35 from "previously presented" to "new".

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I regret any inconvenience these errors might have caused.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Sincerely:

  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated January 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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